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## Another Fatality at the Parmigan

**Edward Wills Dead and W. J. Wilton Escapes Slightly Injured—Accidental Explosion.**

News reached town Monday morning that another explosion had occurred at the Parmigan Mines and that one man was dead another injured. Dr. Elliot and P. C. Cameron went to the scene of the accident and at the request of the manager held an inquest at the mine, returning late Tuesday evening, when the first authentic news was made known here.

Edward Wills and W. J. Wilton, two miners just from Nelson, started their first shift at midnight Sunday. They examined an old hole with a scraper and found at a depth of a foot what appeared to be rock. A few inches away from it they drilled another hole three feet, striking powder in the old hole which caused the explosion. E. Wills had a gun in his belt, having his left leg blown off, a piece of rock entering his body at the groin and was eyeing out, his legs being badly lacerated. Wilton, who was nearest the hole, escaped with but slight injury and will again get to work but had a narrow escape, the top of his hat being cut in two by a flying rock.

Following is the evidence taken at the inquest:—

W. J. Wilton, miner: I went on shift on Sunday night and started drilling and about 2 o'clock we struck powder in the bottom of a hole and it went off. I was standing at the side of the drill. The blast put our candles out and I was partly asphyxiated. We were 3 ft. from it. We examined the old hole with a scraper and at a depth of about a foot we struck something solid like rock and we thought that was at the bottom of the hole. I should think there would be about one stick and a half of powder in it. I have seen the same thing some several times. It is nothing unusual for powder to explode from being cut off. I think it was pure accident.

Robert Windell, night shift boss: When the morning of 29th I was coming down from upper tunnel and I heard a shot go off in one of the lower tunnels. I came down to the changing room and went to there and four men were building a fire. He told me there was a couple of men blasted. Mr. Wilton was lying on a bench in changing room. I asked him what happened and he said they had drilled into powder in an old hole. I started to where explosion took

place and met them with the deceased. They had him on trucks and we carried him into the changing room, where we placed him on the floor and telephoned down for help.

In answer to Mr. Russell as to what reason witnesses considered the powder did not go off, he said: There might have been an air chamber between two sticks of powder before first was set off. I do not think powder is first-class quality; powder is 60 per cent.

John Demat, miner: I was working in right-hand tunnel and accident occurred in left-hand tunnel. We were just about through and in about two minutes I should have been in left-hand tunnel. About 2 o'clock Monday morning I heard a shot go off and our candles all went out. I could hear the injured man groaning in the other tunnel. By the time I got to the left-hand tunnel, Mr. Wilton coming down. I took him to see and the other men brought clothing out. I built a fire to keep them warm.

R. E. Sandlin, miner: I was working on same shift as Edward Wills at the time of accident. About 2 o'clock on Monday morning I heard a shot and then the injured man calling, and we ran to him. The man was standing and the other lying down. I took up the men that was down and sent him out. They took him to the changing room. My partner and I were last to drill in the place where the explosion took place. We put in 12 sticks and we loaded them all up. We had five big sticks of 60 per cent powder and one small one in each hole. All shots gave heavy reports. We did not go back to this was our last work on Saturday. Do not understand how powder could have been left there. I do not understand. There could have been an air chamber left. It is usual for men following having to be very careful to examine all holes. I have found powder in holes when I went to work.

D. B. Hild, said: I was working with Eric Sandlin at a crosscut at the Parmigan Mines, and about 2 o'clock Monday morning we heard a report. We ran into where deceased was working and brought him out to the changing room. When I got into the tunnel I found one man was walking along the tunnel. Eric Sandlin and I took out deceased; he

BY DOROTHY DREW

Between three and four years ago, an old man and his wife were living in a humble little home in an Ontario village. They had lived long together, others look of them. Now they were past work, old, infirm and poor, and starvation was staring them in the face.

Starvation is a grim specter that one may meet boldly enough on his own behalf, but to see the face of one beloved and dependent, grow pallid at his approach, is a different thing. It drives men to desperate deeds—deeds that the law does not condone, and even women have gone down before that fear written on the face of a loved one. Women are braver than men, you know; if it were not so, they would all have been frightened to death long ago.

So the old man sat and watched the face of his wife grow pinched and wan with want. He listened to her voice as she quizzically reproached him for improvidence in the past, and he thought long thoughts looking back, wad, of the years of toil, when no arm was stronger nor hand more skillful than his, of the wealth he had created for the wife who employed him, of his rising extravagances as compared with the frugality of men who never tasted idleness, and his spirit was very bitter within him.

The world owed him a living, so he had heard his grandfather declare, but alas! the world had grown dishonest and would not pay its debt.

That night he essayed to step out for himself, he could die, but he could not let the fair companion of his years face the grim spectre alone.

The stone-slab a widow after a dozing; old, clumsy and unskilled in the art of unskillful acquisition, he was quickly caught and tried and sentenced to two years in the Central Prison.

What of the old wife then? She dies that is all, for she had committed a crime to force the nation to take care of her. The old man is glad when he hears she is dead. Her sufferings are over, and perhaps in the great beyond she understands that it was done for love of her.

The months pass by so quickly—so quickly even in the monotony of prison life. It is said to be a prisoner when you are old, and poor, and unskilled; to feel that there are three months coming every day and a bed at night without the strenuous effort you are no longer capable of making to provide them for yourself. It is good to have the cheery greeting of the guard in the morning and to sit at ease in the penitentiary within the shelter of the high wall that shuts out the blast of adversity even if it also shuts in something at times.

It is two years. Term is up, and the old man goes out again into the world, feeble, homeless and unlearned for the children of men. There is no incentive to crime now—the old wife is dead, the humble home is demolished, he wanders up and down, eating a crust here and there, as it is thrown to him by some one whose comfortable digestion is impaired by the sight of his abject misery, and sleeping in places that a well-kept dog would despise. At length some one whose sympathy—or digestion—are a little more kindly touched than that of his neighbors, declares that "something must be done for that old man." There is no homeless within the country, so the "something" that is done proves to be another arrest—no graveness this time, and the old man is again committed to jail for three months. Will he live the three months? Perhaps so, because our country takes excellent care of its criminals; but let us hope death may claim him before he is again turned out to meet the spectre of starvation.

And I think of the hunger of that vil-

## Is Against Subsidies

**J. J. Hill Makes a Plain Statement—Says It is a Hindrance.**

Interviewed at St. Paul by a Toronto World correspondent, J. J. Hill, the railway magnate, made some interesting statements that are worth remembering: "The time has passed in the affairs of Canada when it is necessary for the government to subsidize a railroad. This is the age when projects of the character are carried out for practical reasons, because the development of the country warrants it, and primarily because the investment can be profitably made. If Canada contributes all today to another transcontinental railroad, either in money or land grant, the government should receive bonds of the corporation or other full and complete security for the investment, in other words it should become a purely business transaction, with no gift enterprise attached. A railroad that requires a government subsidy in Canada today before it can be constructed is not required by the country nor warranted by the business that will be naturally tributary to it.

It is my judgment that another transcontinental railroad cannot be profitably built across Canada for the present. If the business conditions demanded such a project there is little capital sufficient in Canada and the States nor that would be seeking that channel for investment without wisely consideration. In truth the practical railroad today to be realized, in my estimation, that a government subsidy is not a good thing for a transportation venture, which is based on business considerations. Government aid is usually tainted with such conditions that the value of the grant is more than offset by the disadvantages of the restrictions."

age and in the countryside around, with not too much, but enough to spare to feed one old man, and I said to my husband and son-in-law on the walls that read, "Inasmuch as you have done it once the best of one thing, you have done it once more." And I wonder what it means, and what He, whose name they worship morning and evening, thinks about it all anyway.

## DISTRICT CROPPINGS

**And Other Items of Interest in a General Way**

TO THE OUTCROP FOR THE PRINTING.

J. E. Jackson and A. V. Evans returned from Golden to Wilmer on Sunday.

Mrs. J. and Master Peter Lake returned to Atlaton from Golden Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. S. Craig, of Wilmer, who has been to the Coast to consult a specialist concerning a tumor on her baby's eye.

Frank Anderson came down from the Paradise mine Sunday quite ill and was taken to the Hospital.

We have it on good authority that the cause of a recent wedding at Golden is but a false alarm. Some of Golden's young men may rest easier when they learn this.

The ladies and gentlemen who attended the Golden concert from last night of the district reside through these columns to express their appreciation of the kind hospitality of the Golden people, who so generously assisted them in every way possible.

Kind words cost little, but given in proper measure are many allgories.

Friday and Saturday last were ideal days for boating and great sport was enjoyed on Windermere lake.

Frank Stockdale arrived home via Cranbrook on Sunday and appeared glad to get back. Frank has journeyed up and down the Coast since he left here, but through West Kootenay and stayed sometime in the Boundary, but the Windermere looks good to him yet.

Strange, but true, nearly all who leave their drab back to the beautiful "Valley of the Outcrop" in a few months time, feel more at-

It is said that Dick Morland who went to Phoenix sometime ago, has baffled all the skaters around that town and baffle the record for fast skating undisputed and untied. Dick has always excelled here with a great voice and nobody he would fly in the sky.

M. J. Henry, the Vancouver miner, man, has something to say of interest in this issue to ranchers and gardeners. The planting season is near and he has the nearest and best goods.

The young man who finds his largest opportunity to do what he can do best has chosen his way, the method and the field properly.

In future Mr. E. A. Smyth will conduct English church services in Wilmer on the first Sunday evening of each month only.

The new Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia requests the Governor to ask the citizens of all the towns in this district to call meetings in each place from local business men to select delegates to attend a convention to be held in Victoria on February 26th. Young men's have been nominated as delegates and their wives are allowed single rates and from Victoria provided they have letters signed by the chairman and secretary of the local branch.

We Answer "Have."

A young lady writes: The Outcrop and asks the following question: "What is the best beautifier?" She remarks that as there are no makeup medicine ads in this paper she'd see not far being told to read them.

As our "lovely" editor is so kind the question is left to the only one on staff, who answers from general observations.

When a woman is in love she is possibly more attractive than at any other time. The woman who, in the usual course of things, looks charming, or, at any rate, that is, inasmuch which draws the looks of admirers to her body, looks her attractive interest when she looks and speaks for her in being, true, naturally and without reserve. Love is possibly a woman's quality, and it is not when she is in love that she is most attractive, and, therefore, most attractive. The woman who gives the impression of sex is usually depressed in other ways and is not so attractive. And the woman who marries a man she does not love, even though pretty, is usually even less attractive than the beautiful "Valley of the Outcrop" in a few months time. feel more at-

## Galena Jottings

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Galena, B.C., Jan. 25.—On Friday night after the close of the Galena concert Mr. and Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Pitts and Mr. Mr. Taggart, drove to Mr. Milne's, Galena Ranch, where on the morning they were joined by a few friends and entertained in their grand host and hostess' usual liberal style. After dinner music, songs and the light fantastic toe were indulged in until a late hour. A real pleasant evening being spent by all. It was almost as good as the Galena concert.

On Sunday last an English church service was conducted by Mr. E. A. Smyth, assisted by the Rev. Taggart. Mrs. Smyth presiding at the organ. The service was most impressive and the congregation unusually large, two o'clock boats having driven from 13 to 15 miles to be present.

Our Windermere friends seem to be having a very good time all around.

The members of the Glen Club, now joined by Mr. Taggart on their way up-country, were held-up at Brisco, and compelled to wait again for their will-to-remain one more day with us. It appears that our esteemed J. P. A. H. Mitchell and G. and M. J. Mitchell had been at camp and prepared to leave for their guests. The fun was fast and furious, with a spill now and again which of course gave the young men the coveted opportunity of assisting their fair friends to regain their equilibrium. The dinner awaiting the guests and their friends at A. H. Mitchell's, we have reason to know, was beautiful and rare, to which ample justice was done. And afterwards, well—not the same round of enjoyment that has characterized the neighborhood of Galena and Brisco since the advent of the famous "Windermere Glen Club."

The Ontario very much regrets that our Golden correspondent is ill and has been unable to send any news for this issue, but we are pleased to state the illness is not serious and a speedy return of "Nuggets" will be shipped next week.

The C.P.R. had an enormous increase of revenue from its land sales last year. They amounted to 2,420,000 acres, for which the company received \$8,140,000, as against \$3,022,000 in 1901, bringing \$2,640,000. The company advertised their lands for sale in Tin Canoe.

P. Proulx had several small pieces of rock taken from his mine Saturday by Dr. Elliot and is improving fast. He can now see with his eye alight and without the aid of the other eye he can see it. He will need to use spectacles for sometime to come. It is stated that the Parmigan Mines, where he was injured, are showing their sympathy in a pecuniary way, and allow him his wages right along. He expects to leave for his home in Montreal today, where Dr. Elliot has advised him to consult a specialist.

## Local Croppings

Six miners, all experienced machine men, came from Nelson, via Cranbrook, Friday, and went up to the Parmigan Mines next day.

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, JAN. 29, 1903.

The inhabitants of every town in Kootenay have expressed themselves in favor of the resolutions passed by the miners meeting at Sandon favoring lead protection, and most of them denounced Mr. Smith Curtis' utterance. He should go away back and rest.

"If all the mountain climbers in the world today were to make a combined effort to explore the Canadian Rockies their task would not be finished in a century," said Mr. Wilymer, the great mountain climber, at a recent dinner in London. May they all come and try it and if they get over the Rockies in that time no one will object if they take a climb at the Selkirk.

When the wagon road, now partly built from Wilmer to Firlands, is completed a road can be constructed from there to a point past the Sinclair grade with little cost, so it claimed by men who have lately been over the ground. The Sinclair grade has always been the dread of teamsters hauling freight from Golden and to avoid this long and steep grade would be a boon to them. The proposed new route would be from the new road along the bottoms to where Mr. Foster has built a substantial floating bridge, where Columbia river would be crossed, and thence along the east side of the river to below Sinclair pass and up to the main road. It is claimed there would not be any bad hills along the route and besides avoiding the Sinclair grade the distance would be shorter, although it would only be a winter road.

The yellow boys at the coast have long made the wage-earners suffer and gradually they are cutting into every line of trade until now the business men, who thought they were cute or smart when they discharged a whiteman and hired a Chinaman to fill his place, find that their cheap help are their keenest opposition. Even the men who possess the greatest amount of invested capital are now in fear and tremble when the Chinamen talk of competing against them. The people of the interior should take warning and do everything possible to keep the yellow boys out of the country. Here is what the Vancouver Province says of their invasion:

"The mere serious proposal by Chinese capitalists to erect and operate a sawmill in this province for the general supply of lumber, indicates the degree of gravity to which the question of Oriental immigration has attained. There is no law which can prevent Chinese residents in this province from acquiring timber limits; there is no law which can interfere with them in acquiring a mill site and erecting a mill thereon; nor is there any law which can in any way hinder them from operating that mill and placing the lumber produced on the market. We are all quite well aware that there is abundance of Chinese capital in Vancouver alone to erect a mill of the most ample proportions and equip it with machinery of the very best and most modern description. Such a mill conducted on modern principles, and the shrewd Chinese capitalists of this province once he was embarked in such an enterprise would see to it that it was conducted on modern principles, would make it interesting for other operators in this industry.

"Employing exclusively Chinese labor, for which he would pay probably a quarter, perhaps a fifth, of what the other mills are compelled to pay for their labor, he would have at the outset an immense advantage in marketing his product. This advantage would not be confined to operation of the mill itself, but would extend to the supply of the rough lumber, cheap Chinese labor being also employed in the timber forests. Against such competition in the open market our present mills, operated by white labor and paying the wages which white labor must obtain, would find it difficult, if indeed at all possible, to stand. The result would be if Chinese operations were conducted on a large scale that the mills owned by our own people would be compelled to employ equally cheap labor, that is Oriental labor, or go out of business."

After further discussing the all-important question the

Province remarks that should Chinese capital embark on a large scale in any of the industries which have attained large proportion in this province the operators would find it greatly to their advantage to make contracts with large bodies of coolie workmen in China for a term of years, and pay the duty which was levied by the customs. Even \$500 a head would not be a prohibitive tax. What is needed and what we must have, unless the native industry of this province are to continue in imminent peril, is such a duty on the admission of coolie labor that it would take half the lifetime of any one of them to make up what he had paid before he was allowed over the threshold of the country.

Yet, if the Chinese gave the trades people and capital a good hard rub with competition it would serve to give the latter sympathy in common with the workmen and bring about the exclusion of the Chinese quicker.

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**Japanese are Offended.**

London despatches state that deep indignation is felt in Japan over the attitude of British Columbia towards the immigration of laborers from that country. This feeling is quite intelligible but it cannot be allowed to weigh with British Columbians for one moment. The attitude of our people in this matter is not one of race hatred. There is no hostility against the Japanese as a people. They are not wanted here simply because their competition in the labor market tends to degrade white men. It is a case of self-preservation.

White men with families cannot subsist upon the wages that more than suffice for Japanese. The evidence adduced by the royal commission proved conclusively that the Japanese would work for lower wages even than the Chinese, and as they have proved more adaptable to their surroundings they are a greater menace to white wage workers than Chinese. These are facts too well-known in this province to be questioned, says the Nelson News.

It will be better for the mother country to recognize the justice of British Columbia's demands in this particular now and let the government of Japan understand definitely that Canada from Pacific to Atlantic is a white man's country.

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**SILVER BELT MINING CO.****General Meeting  
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Elected**

The meeting of the shareholders of the Silver Belt Mining Co., Ltd., held last week in the office of Mr. Hugh Macdonald, Wilmer, was well attended. The secretary made a brief speech in which he told of the progress of the company and of the plans the directors have in view for the working of the company's properties in the near future. A number of resolutions were proposed and duly passed, which it is hoped will materially assist the directors in carrying on the company's business with good results. Among other business transacted it was arranged to have the small present indebtedness of the company paid off and all its mineral claims gazetted at an early date. The company has other important business pending, which, if successfully carried out, will place it in an enviable position, but at the present it is thought better not to make it public.

The directors for the ensuing year were duly elected and are: Messrs. Jos. Lake, M. H. Crabb, Thos. Starbird, C. M. Keop and G. A. Starke.

As is well-known the Silver Belt Co. own the Silver Belt group of claims, situated in the Spring creek basin, to which a good road has been constructed. It is also known that the ore carries very high values in silver. A shipment of 29,500 pounds of ore was made sometime ago which brought smaller returns of \$1,456.00.

**Railway Earnings**

The three great railway systems of Canada, the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railway, earned during the year 1902 the enormous sum of \$75,575,842, the largest earnings by far in the history of Canadian railways. The year was undoubtedly an unprecedentedly active one, and, moreover, the railroads could have earned more had they been in a position to handle all the freight that was offered them. Their business, in fact, was limited only by the capacity of their rolling stock and motive power, and they enter upon a new year with every prospect of continuing activity. There is enough stuff in sight now that has to be moved to keep the roads busy for months, but of course next fall's and winter's business will depend in a large measure upon the outcome of the crops.

The Canadian Pacific Railway comes first in the matter of gross earnings. The road earned from all sources last year \$39,584,000, as against gross earnings of \$34,053,000 in 1901, an increase of \$5,531,000, for the year just ended. The Grand Trunk shows up well with gross earnings for 1902 of \$7,030,479, compared with \$28,354,000 in 1901, an increase for last year of \$1,982,149.

**Government Road's Earnings.**

For the Intercolonial Railway the statistics are officially given out, not according to the calendar year, but for the fiscal year. However, the gross earnings for 1902 from January to No-

vember 30th was \$5,555,363. The estimate of December's earnings is about \$500,000, which would give a total of \$6,055,363. The financial statement of the Intercolonial for the first half of the present fiscal year up to November 30th shows gross earnings of \$2,785,670, which adding \$500,000 for December, would give a total for the half year of \$3,285,670. For the same period of 1901 the gross earnings were \$2,904,889, so that the gain for the first half of the present fiscal year will be at least \$185,881, a most excellent showing.

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